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MARGINAL COLUMN By MIR MINDLIN

WHILE remaining fully cognizant of the role of the fortuitous in human affairs, perhaps one can nevertheless discern some of the broader and longer-range tendencies that seem to be at work shaping our world of the near future. It is important to try to determine these long-range considerations because they seem to be increasingly relevant to day-to-day political and economic decisions. To put it differently, the impending changes and shifts of direction are so broad in scope and wide in implication that if we don't do something to try to influence their direction we shall find ourselves being swept into a world we shall not recognize or much care to inhabit.

NOW if that sounds pontifical, rhetorical or humbug, certainly don't let it certainly don't let it then let's look at the facts. Perhaps most immediately disturbing are the prospects of democracy in Asia. Pakistan and Burma have recently submitted to military dictatorship and one may entertain serious doubts about whether it will be possible to hold elections in Indonesia in the foreseeable future. In the case of Burma, it should be a pivotal factor, the communist government controlling the state of constitutional legality with relative impunity and pessimistic observers envisage the possibility of a 40 per cent communist vote in the next Indian elections.

MORE important than the political prospect is the impending Asian population explosion. While death control (i.e. the steep reduction of the plague and general mortality rate) has succeeded through the efforts of a few trained public health technicians, the attempts at birth control have failed miserably since they require the willing cooperation of the teeming millions of population (Japan is an exception here, as could be expected from an industrialized country disseminating universal education, and China, after abandoning its unsuccessful method of having women swallow tadpoles, will doubtless find and impose more effective means). The population explosion, and the prevailing attitude of the Asian intelligentsia, which takes East-West aid for granted as its anti-colonialist due in pulling out of the morass, is no longer a trend to communist totalitarianism may be given added impetus by the prestige accruing to Russia when it catches up with American production (probably in the middle 'sixties).

MEANWHILE in the West there are sizable left and liberal movements which are totally oblivious of the impending danger and which see the issues in terms of gradualist economic and parliamentary welfare state amelioration; they showed their mettle at the Suez-Sinai crisis and were not inaudible at the time of the Lebanon-Jordan operation. Defeatist about domestic as well as foreign affairs, they carefully ignored the fact that in the interregnum between the demise of the Fourth Republic and Gen. De Gaulle's accession to the French state continued to function normally. It is perhaps not unrealistic to conceive of a Russian-Chinese power struggle for world domination, if they can "eliminate" that bothersome extraneous factor, the West. It is up to the West to find a constructive dynamism commensurate with the negative one of its antagonists.

THIS need not necessarily involve vital concessions to totalitarianism. The joining of the ideological race in nationalist or bloc jingoism. It does involve a far greater measure of unity and sense of common mission than has hitherto been displayed. Retaining faith in man's ability to exercise rational control over his social and physical environment, we must reverse the fatalistic basis of the poet's observation that *Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world... The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.* Jerusalem, November 10.

Police Guard N. African Embassies in Bonn
BONN (Reuters). — The Tunisian, Moroccan and United Arab Republic Embassies here have asked for and been given police protection following the wounding of an Algerian nationalist leader by gunmen outside the Tunisian Embassy last week, police said on Sunday.

ITALY HOLDS FRANCE TO SOCCER DRAW
PARIS (Reuters). — France and Italy drew 2-2, in an international soccer match here on Sunday after France had led by 2-0 at half-time.

Suspect Named As Mapam Arab Expert

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam leader whose detention by the Security Services three weeks ago touched off a violent quarrel between Abduh Ha'voda and Mapam during the past three days in Aharon Cohen, 50, a member of Kibbutz Sha'ar Ha-Amakim, it was made known here tonight.

The blackout on the suspect's name was lifted following a meeting between the officer in charge of the Security Services and editors. Cohen's file is in the hands of the Attorney-General, who has said he will decide today or tomorrow whether there are sufficient grounds to bring him to trial under the Amendment to the Punishment Law (State Security) of 1957.

Cohen on Sunday was remanded for a further five days by a Tel Aviv magistrate. Since his arrest, he had been remanded in custody twice before, for ten and five days periods. He had been arrested in Tel Aviv after being invited to come to a meeting from his kibbutz, which is in the Haifa area.

Detectives first became suspicious in April of this year, and movements in the area of the kibbutz had been under surveillance for several months. It is said that material supporting the suspicions against Cohen was found in a search of his home in the kibbutz after his arrest.

Carried father of two children, Cohen was Mapam's authority on Arab affairs. Although without an active post in the party since 1954, he remained a member of the Central Committee (Merkaz). He has written several books on Arab affairs, among them "The Arab East" (1955) and "The Arab World Today" (1958). His latest work, "The Nationalist Movement of the Arabs and Zionism," was about to be published by Sifrut Hapoalim.

In his first two books, Mr. Cohen propounded a Soviet-Marxist and pro-Arab line. In a review of "The Arab World Today" that appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* of July 1958, it was expressed that Mr. Cohen "appears to be ashamed of being a Jew."

The Mapam Central Committee Sunday night issued the following statement: "Mapam is of the opinion that since the policy of a new black-and-white line, it would have been better to let the matter in its proper perspective from the beginning, that leading to the present, which concerns only one person, whose guilt has yet to be proved. Furthermore, General has not yet announced his opinion as to whether his trial or not will be brought to trial or not."



Shell-Damaged living room of Pina Cohen, a member of Kibbutz Gadot, Upper Galilee, after last Thursday's bombardment by Syrian artillery.

Meir Reports to Cabinet on Hula Clash and Talk with USSR Envoy

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, reported to the Cabinet on Sunday on the current political situation, including last Thursday's Hula shooting incident, and her talk last week with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail F. Bodrov.

The list is now awaiting the President's approval. The spokesman revealed no details on Mr. Aranne's proposal for settling the Technion dispute, other than to say that Mr. Aranne would lay his plan before the Knesset on Monday.

He noted that, at its next session, the Cabinet is scheduled to complete its discussion on the distribution of the portfolios formerly held by National Religious Party ministers. It would also finish discussing the proposed law governing the fund-raising activities of civil servants. This matter was brought before the Cabinet on Sunday.

At its weekly session on Sunday, the Cabinet heard a review by the Foreign Minister on matters of foreign policy. Decided to authorize the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and Culture to appoint a constituent committee to set up a Beit Va'ad (Academy) for Humanities and Science.

Approved an international labor agreement dealing with the Palestinian and Arab workers in employment and another agreement on the status of Jewish persons and workers. Ratified a trade agreement with Cuba.

UN Completing Probe On Syrian Attack
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A further meeting on Thursday's Syrian attack on Israel farm workers in the Hula Basin took place on Monday morning in the Prime Minister's office.

First British Civilians Given Arms in Cyprus

NICOSIA (Reuters). — The Cyprus Government on Sunday started issuing guns to British civilians, it was officially announced here.

The civilians flocked to the first meeting on special security arrangements devised to protect them from terrorist gunmen. They were briefed on how to stay alive in Cyprus following Governor Hugh Foot's warning last night that "you are in the front line."

In Famagusta, a Greek Cypriot policeman was shot dead on Sunday by unknown gunmen. The narrow streets and sunlit squares of Nicosia's Greek quarter, normally packed with Sunday strollers, mobile British motorists stopped and searched the few pedestrians and motorists out of doors.

Troops on Balconies
Other troops kept watch from balconies and rooftops. In Limassol, many Greek Cypriots attended a church service where Bishop Anthonios, Acting Head of the Cyprus Church, said that "neither prisons nor detention camps and restrictions will be able to suppress our will for freedom."

Tunisian Students in Damascus Recalled
Dozens of Tunisian students suddenly left Damascus on Sunday, their studies having been interrupted on orders from Tunis, ANA reports.

Tito-Nasser Meeting Predicted
Abdul Nasser, President of Yugoslavia and Premier of India may meet together in December, Moscow Radio said in an Arabic-language broadcast on Sunday night, quoting a New Delhi source.

Collapse of Sudan Cabinet Seen Likely; Opposition Chief in Cairo

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — The Sudanese Commerce Minister, Ali Abdul Rahman, and opposition leader Ismail el Ashari, who are now visiting Cairo, are expected to discuss the possible collapse of Sudan's Coalition Government with Abdul Nasser, political observers in Khartoum said on Sunday.

(Cairo Radio reported that Rahman and Ashari conferred with Nasser separately Sunday night. Rahman later denied his visit had any connection with that of Ashari.) They noted Cairo press reports that Rahman, leader of the People's Democratic Party, which forms the Coalition with the Umma Party, would like to defect and form an alliance with Ashari's National Unionist Party.

Talks to Prevent Sneak Attack in Geneva Today

Intense Political Activity in Algeria

ALGIERS (Reuters). — Intense political activity was reported throughout Algeria on Sunday as party leaders completed plans for the November 30 general elections to the French National Assembly.

The deadline for nominations was midnight tonight (Sunday) but in the 18 constituencies of the North African territory only 10 lists of candidates had been deposited by noon.

Curfew was lifted for Sunday night to allow the politicians to register right up to the deadline, and a last minute rush of candidates was expected.

The town of Algiers is so far the only constituency in which two states have been put forward. One is headed by M. Raymond Laquiere, ex-president of the Algerian Assembly, the other by M. Auguste Arnould, a member of the Public Safety Committee set up following the May 13 uprising.

Reporting to De Gaulle
M. René Brouillet, the envoy whom General de Gaulle sent to Algeria to report on the electoral situation flew to Paris on Sunday and will see the Prime Minister Monday (today).

In Cairo, the "Free Algerian Government" on Sunday accused the French army of committing "horrible cruelties" to force Algerians to stand as candidates in the November 30 elections. Three people were injured Sunday night when a grenade was tossed into a bar in the Belcourt district of Algiers, police said. The assailant escaped. The injured were Europeans, including a married couple.

Russians Send Top-Level Group

GENEVA (Reuters). — Mr. Vassili Kuznetsov, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, arrived here on Sunday at the head of a 25-man delegation and predicted success for the East-West talks which open here on Monday (today) on ways to reduce the risk of surprise military attack.

He said in a prepared statement at the airport that the conference "must work out recommendations to governments about measures for the prevention of the possibility of surprise attack and in conjunction with other measures in the general sphere of disarmament."

He added that, as the Soviet Government took the initiative in convening the conference, "there is no doubt that we will do our best and that the conference will be successful. This will be a step in bettering the international situation, in lessening danger of a new war and in helping peaceful relations between powers."

The private technical military talks, expected to last about five weeks, will be attended by a Western team of high-ranking service officers and a Russian scientific team from the U.S., Britain, France, Canada and Italy. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania and Albania with Russia make up the Communist side.

Raises Speculation
The arrival of Mr. Kuznetsov, one of the Kremlin's top foreign policy experts, raised speculation that Russia may have some new proposal to break the nine-day deadlock in the East-West talks on suspension of nuclear tests, which are also under way here. Western diplomats appeared convinced that he would also take charge of this conference, the Soviet delegation to which is headed by Mr. Semyon Tsarapkin.

It is a preliminary Soviet move towards a regular Damascus-Ammann route. "Palastin" reported on Sunday.

Soviets Urge Outer Space Pact

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The USSR, in a resolution adopted on Saturday night, proposes that the U.N. establish an international space agency, endorse a ban on the use of outer space for military purposes and support "elimination of foreign bases."

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Today's Postings

The Weather

FORECAST: Warm and dry inland and over hills; rain and drizzle over the coast.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: A warm depression over Cyprus, South coast, and over the Mediterranean.

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MT. CANAAN	20	14	23	34
TIBERIA	20	14	23	34
HAIFA	20	14	23	34
NATANYA	20	14	23	34
TEL AVIV	20	14	23	34
TEL AVIV KIRYA	20	14	23	34
LYDIA AIRPORT	20	14	23	34
JERUSALEM	20	14	23	34
BEER SHEVA	20	14	23	34
SODOM	20	14	23	34
Eilat	20	14	23	34

(A) Humidity at 9 a.m. by M. Shalom; (B) Maximum temp. by M. Shalom; (C) Minimum temp. by M. Shalom; (D) Maximum temp. by M. Shalom.

ARRIVALS

Dr. D. Ayalon, Associate Professor of the Hebrew University, from London, where he participated in the International Historiographical Congress on the Middle East in the Moslem Period.

Dr. J. Talmor, Associate Professor of the Hebrew University, from England, where he was engaged in research work.

Mr. Aaron Weisberg, Managing Director of Bank Arzi Ltd., from a business trip to Europe and the U.S.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Isaac Wolfson, the British industrialist, for London after a three-day visit.

Mr. Avram M. Kalkoff, General Manager of the Polish Works, for Rome for a 10-day visit on company business.

Dr. Zvi Harkavy, Chief Librarian at the Central Torah Library, for a two-month mission to Europe and the U.S.

NEARLY 500 head of cattle arrived in Haifa on Sunday in the s.s. Ampal from Houston, Texas. The bulk is for the cattle and sheep industry, and 40 head, the gift of a Canadian well-wisher, is for Kibbutz Sasa in Upper Galilee.

THE STRIKE of independent Tel Aviv taxi drivers scheduled for today (Monday) to support the cabmen's demand to be allowed to drive in both directions on Rehov Eilat, was called off on Sunday following talks between District Police Commander A. Ben-Gurion and the secretary of the taxi drivers' Union.

150,000 K.W. Power Plant Approved

The Interministerial Economic Committee on Sunday approved the construction of a power station in the north of the country, to be completed by 1961-62. It was announced on Sunday by the Committee's spokesman in Jerusalem.

The planned station, with a potential of 150,000 KW, will require an investment of IL50m. at current prices, excluding the cost of the distribution. Half of the investment will be in the form of equipment.

The country's present electrical potential is 360,000 KW. One unit of 50,000 KW is now under construction.

The Committee also decided to set up a price advisory committee in Eilat composed of local citizens—following numerous complaints of overcharging in the town.

Martin Says B-G, Nasser Want Peace

OTTAWA (INA). — The Hon. Paul Martin, former Canadian Health Minister, on his return from a Middle East trip has written in the "Ottawa Citizen and Toronto Star" that Nasser told him "When we reach a period of calm we must talk to Israel."

Mr. Martin said that both leaders are sincere, despite the scepticism of the world that peace is not possible.

Nahariya's Labour Coalition Dissolved

NAHARIYA. — The labour coalition in the 11-member local council here has been dissolved following the ousting by the Mapai majority of one of the three deputy chairmen, Mapam Councillor Eliahu Lubitzky, for what termed recurrent breaches of the coalition agreement.

Mr. Lubitzky abstained from voting for the transfer to public control of the local water supply and beach facilities, owned and operated by the Nahariya Agricultural Cooperative Society. He explained that while Mapam favoured such transfers in principle, both services were at present being efficiently run while public ownership here opened the door to the danger of party favoritism.

Herut Sees Itself As "Alternative"

JERUSALEM. — Herut will present itself at next autumn's elections as the "alternative government" under the label of the "National-Liberal Party," Mr. Y. Meridor, M.K. and Vice-Chairman of the Herut Executive, told reporters here on Sunday.

The Party's fifth national conference, opening November 24, at the Mann Auditorium will launch its "assault on the regime" with a keynote speech by the party leader, Mr. Menachem Begin.

Negotiations are being held with leading religious figures and other prominent personalities, over their placement on the party's election lists. Representatives of the Oriental communities will be given "safe places" on the Herut list, it was said.

UJA Study Mission Decides To Launch Special Fund for Israel

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Determined action to raise 'greatly increased' sums for Israel is expressed in a resolution adopted by United Jewish Appeal leaders in Jerusalem on Sunday afternoon. The resolution came after a 4½ hour caucus which insiders termed 'the most enthusiastic meeting of its kind we have ever held.'"

What the almost 100 American Jewish leaders decided in essence was to initiate a special fund "over and above" the regular drive and to ask welfare funds to channel a good deal more money into the U.J.A. than they have in previous years.

Furthermore, in what amounted to a private fund-raising campaign—unprecedented in such study missions—most of the delegates pledged to increase substantially their contributions in 1959. This step, it is hoped by U.J.A. leaders, will set the tone for next year's drive, the goals of which are set at the annual U.J.A. convention which will be held in New York next month.

Caucus Follows Tour

The caucus yesterday followed an eight-day tour of Israel by members of the mission.

The decision to recommend a special fund was adopted in the face of known resistance by welfare campaign leaders in the U.S. to such a move. Except for New York, U.J.A. income is allocated by the Jewish community in each individual city from its general welfare fund campaign.

"Since 1948, when about three quarters of the approximately \$100 million in welfare funds went to Israel, allocations to the U.J.A. have declined to only a half or even a quarter of the total—except in the welfare campaign income has not decreased at the same rate."

In formal terms, the resolution called on the welfare funds to "work down" with leaders of the U.J.A. to make the allocation to be made to the U.J.A. so that a just and fair allotment of funds may be made to the U.J.A.

It termed it "a matter of urgent necessity" that the American Jewish community's 1958 campaign "yield greatly increased results to the U.J.A."

The resolution concludes by saying that "we shall each do

Tomato Prices Fixed in North

TEL AVIV. — The Vegetable Marketing Board has tended to the northern region the controlled retail price of 250 pruta a kilogram tomatoes, which has been in effect since the beginning of last week. This price is expected to come into effect in the Jerusalem district this week.

Growers will receive 170 pruta a kilogram, but many shopkeepers and hawkers here sold inferior tomatoes at the controlled price, while the better quality vegetables were priced at 300 and 350 pruta. Ministry of Commerce officials have stated that "there is no way of controlling the shopkeepers."

The increase of consumption in Tel Aviv during the first week of the controlled price was insufficient to eliminate surplus and large quantities of tomatoes were diverted for use as fodder.

Man Stabbed In Busy Jafa Street

TEL AVIV. — A resident of Jafa, Moshe Mahesh, 32, was stabbed and seriously wounded in the shoulder and abdomen on the main street of the city late on Sunday. Although the street was crowded, not a single passerby attempted to aid the victim.

The assailant, who was not recognized, made his escape through the alleyways of the quarter. A policeman later found the knife.

Mahesh is lying in a serious condition in the Donolo Hospital in Jafa.

Month's Labour For Albanian Communists

VIENNA (Reuter). — The Albanian Communist Party has ordered all officials of the State, the Party, Municipal, youth and other social organizations to do at least one month's manual labour a year to keep them in touch with "the common people."

G.Z.'s Say Herut Are "We-Toos"

JERUSALEM. — The General Zionists will tell that Herut's election propaganda is based on "we-too"ism, Mr. Y. Tamir, General Secretary of the Party, told The Jerusalem Post here on Sunday.

Herut's "economic liberalism" and Mapai's proposed nationalization of labour, exchanges and health schemes were all copied from the General Zionists, Mr. Tamir believed.

He was explaining the party's programme which would be discussed at its forthcoming 21st national conference opening on Wednesday here. It will be devoted to economic, social and foreign policy. Over 800 delegates are expected to attend from 110 party branches.

Diamond Strikers End Stoppage

TEL AVIV. — The 3,000 diamond industry workers who have been on strike for two-and-a-half weeks are to return to their jobs today (Monday).

The decision was taken by the National Secretariat of the Diamond Workers Union on Sunday night after a meeting of the Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Natanya councils of the Union. They accepted the proposals of Mr. D. Katz, Labour Relations Officer of the Ministry of Labour, whereby employers belonging to the Diamond Polishers Association will pay c-o-i index allowances to all employees in accordance with the plan instituted on July 16. The c-o-i allowance for July to November will be included in the November pay packet.

The employers, led by Mr. H. Daniel, on Sunday morning accepted the Labour Ministry proposals at a meeting in the Tel Aviv Kirya. Mr. M. Bar, Secretary of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, informed the council of this on Sunday night.

The employees' demand for strike pay will be negotiated directly between employers and workers.

'Blitz Told Us He Shot Piattelli'

TEL AVIV. — "Rafael Blitz told us that he had killed Ya'acov Piattelli at the Zafon cinema, but we did not believe him," Mordechai Weiss, Yeshayahu Borstein, two of Blitz's friends, told the Tel Aviv District Court here on Sunday.

The pair, who are also suspected of taking part in several armed hold-ups in Tel Aviv, were giving evidence in the trial of Blitz for the murder of Piattelli in August 1957.

With the introduction of their evidence, the prosecution closed its case. Earlier, a statement allegedly made by Blitz upon his arrest was read out to the court. It told the story of the unsuccessful attempt of the pair to break into a box office and the subsequent shooting in which Piattelli was killed.

The trial will be resumed on December 1. (Itim)

Three Held For Forging Cheques

TEL AVIV. — Magistrate Y. Treish on Sunday remanded in custody three men who were charged with forging cheques. The men, who were arrested on Sunday, were charged with forging cheques drawn on banks in the U.S. from her employer, then contacted another woman, G.A. (whose full name was withheld by order of the court) and Ya'acov Doviaro to arrange for their transfer to banks.

According to the court, the three accused forged and passed 27 cheques for various sums in U.S. dollars. They were allegedly aided by another two suspects who were also detained. (Itim)

Two Injured In Road Accident

ASHKELON. — A motorcyclist and his pillion rider, a girl, were seriously injured on the Faluja-Masmya road on Sunday morning in an accident which occurred when the motorcycle attempted to pass a truck and was hit by an oncoming Army vehicle.

Shmuel Kahana, an electrician from Ashkelon, and Aviva Keren, 19, of Kiryat Gat, were both hurt. He was sent to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, while she was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Allied Dead of Two Wars are Honoured

JERUSALEM. — Remembrance Day ceremonies to pay tribute to men and women of the Allied nations who fell in two world wars were held at the British War Cemetery in Haifa and the War Cemetery in Ramle on Sunday.

The Haifa ceremony was attended by veterans of both wars who stood in silence to honour those "who have laid down their lives in the cause of freedom and justice," in the words of the Rev. John R. Rycart, who officiated at the service.

Most of those buried at the Haifa cemetery fell in the battle for Haifa against the Turks early in 1918, and include four Jews. An Army chaplain, Rev. Seven Heitner, conducted the Jewish services, assisted by the Navy cantor.

A soldier sounded the "Last Post" after a reading of Psalm 23. After the salute the bugler sounded the Reveille. Wreaths for the Christian and Jewish soldiers were laid by the British Legion, the Army, and Allied consular representatives.

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New Drive Sets Out to Teach Hebrew to Third of All Adults

JERUSALEM. — A third of all adults in Israel do not know Hebrew, the chairman of the Ministry of Education's Department for the Dissemination of Hebrew, Dr. S. Kodesh, told the press in Jerusalem on Sunday.

To meet this problem, Dr. Kodesh announced the start of a new campaign which will send at least 5,000 volunteers to give lessons in immigrant centres and neighbourhoods. The scheme will begin in two weeks' time with the registration of volunteers and those who "need or want" to learn Hebrew. Application forms for volunteers will appear in the press.

The volunteers will be expected to go out and teach at least twice a week—otherwise there is no point in continuing for a minimum of three months, considered sufficient to impart the bases of reading and writing.

Dr. Kodesh said that since it was difficult to bring the pupils to centres for study, the only way was for the volunteers to go to their homes. The Department is preparing 1,000 copies of guidance material to help the volunteers.

A one-time voluntary campaign was held four years ago, and some tens of dedicated volunteers still continued to go every week and teach in immigrant centres.

Dr. Kodesh stated that this has now been found to be insufficient to meet the present dangerous state of affairs. Reviewing the Department's record, Dr. Kodesh said that in the last 10 years, 300,000 persons had received lessons in 1,500 classes at day and evening schools, towns and villages, and various categories of study circles.

The Council passed without opposition a resolution calling for a special issue of municipal bonds for Tel Aviv to enable sewerage and other urgent development projects to be completed.

Reporting on the progress of the Dan area project, Deputy Mayor S. Shoshani said it was hoped this month to complete the pipeline leading from the "Seven Mills" sewerage point to the Ramat Gan stadium, thus solving part of the drainage problem for Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak. Another pipe would stretch to a point across Rehov LaGuardia by next autumn, diverting to the sea the sewage from the Montefiore, Yad Elihu and Nahlat Yitzhak quarters.

Of the IL12m. needed for the whole project, the Government had so far contributed about IL4.8m. out of the IL9,600,000 it had budgeted. The rest was being borne by the local council.

Mr. Shoshani added that a sewerage purification plant was urgently required, but the costs should be borne by the Government. The City should not be penalized because of its rapid population increase, which has made present sewerage facilities inadequate for the city. The establishment of this station would end the pollution of the water around Tel Aviv's seashore.

Councillor Y. Rabinowitz (Mapai) called for immediate improvement of the poor sewerage system in the southern quarters of the City, where there are open cesspools. He criticized the delay of the sewerage project for so long, while experts of the Water Planning for Israel, Ltd., had long ago forecast that the Yarkon would become polluted as a result of Tel Aviv drawing its water supply from the Yarkon springs.

Textile Manufacturer Charged with Bribe

TEL AVIV. — A partner in Tel Aviv textile firm was charged with giving a IL2,500 bribe to a tax official to arrange various exemptions. The manufacturer, Dov Fruchter, of the Tzviyot Meshi Artzraeli Co., pleaded not guilty.

The Assistant District Attorney, Mr. R. Weinberg, charged that Fruchter, 33, in March and April 1957 gave IL2,500 to a clerk of the Purchase Tax Division of the Inland Revenue Department in Ramat Gan to arrange a IL7,000 exemption for his company's product. The clerk, Keshma, has already been sentenced 33 months in jail and fined IL1,000 for his part in this and other transactions.

According to Keshma, Fruchter paid him the bribe to have fabrics sent for dyeing registered as if they had been dyed twice. Such fabrics are taxed at a lower rate.

The hearing is to be continued. (Itim)

Pierce Creates Scholarship Fund

JERUSALEM. — The Metropolitan Opera singer, and Mrs. Pierce, announced here on Sunday their decision to establish an Alice and Jan Pierce Scholarship Fund, to be administered by the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, to develop musical talent in Israel.

They have personally contributed \$5,000 towards this fund and hope the project will prove so successful that other donations will be forthcoming.

On Saturday, Mr. Pierce, who, like his brother-in-law, Richard Tucker, is also a renowned cantor, was to have officiated at the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv. Extra police were drafted to control the crowd of several thousands which thronged the building and its environs.

When it was learned that he would not be present, due to indisposition, the crowd quickly dispersed. A special concert which Mr. Pierce was to have given at Yad Weizmann on Saturday night was also cancelled.

At a reception given at Beit Sokolov on Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce spoke of their experiences during a visit to Russia in 1956. Both mentioned the longing of Russian Jews for contact with their brethren in the Diaspora.

Mr. Moshe Ron presented the visitors with an album on behalf of the Israel Journalists Association.

12 Feared Dead In Montreal Blaze

MONTREAL (Reuter). — More than a dozen people are feared to have died Sunday morning when fire tore through a four-storey apartment building in central Montreal.

A fire brigade official said a "conservative estimate" of the dead would be between 10 and 15. Other reports of the dead listed as many as 22.

At least three persons, including a young mother and newborn baby, were known to be trapped as flames enveloped the building.

Firemen said the explosions might have been caused by gas since the block, one of a group of 14 apartment blocks, was equipped with gas stoves. The blaze was brought under control within two hours but firemen were unable to search the debris because of the intense heat.

ISRAEL-ITALY SOCCER INT'L POSTPONED

LYDIA AIRPORT. — The international football match between an Israel selected side and an Italian team has been postponed from December this year to April 1959, after elections of the Italian Football Association, Dr. Y. Lamm, President of the Israel Football Association, said on his arrival here on Sunday evening from Rome by El Al. (Itim)

Israel Envoy to Haiti Presents Credentials

The Israeli Ambassador to Haiti, Mr. David Shaltiel, on Friday presented his letters of credence to the President of Haiti. It was officially announced in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The two countries decided in September to establish a diplomatic relationship at the ambassadorial level.

The Haitian Ambassador designate to Israel, Dr. Louis Mara, who is also serving as his country's Ambassador in Paris, is expected to arrive in Jerusalem shortly to present his letters of credence.

Eban Asked To Continue Service

LYDIA AIRPORT. — The Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Abba Eban, said prior to his departure for New York by El Al on Sunday that the Government had asked him to continue to serve the State in an official capacity after he leaves his post next year.

Mr. Eban, who left accompanied by his wife after a 10-day visit here, said that he had clarified his personal plans for 1959, but refused to give any further details.

In the meantime, he added, he would continue with his ambassadorial duties in Washington and his post as chief Israeli delegate to the U.N.

The Ambassador expressed satisfaction with his consultations here, and said that he had stressed Israel's improved position in the international field, the fact that every one of the Western big powers is cooperating in strengthening Israel, and that relations between Israel and the Afro-Asian nations are growing increasingly firmer.

Mr. Eban emphasized that he had had a great opportunity during this visit of meeting not only with Government officials and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, but also with the leaders of various parties concerning our relations with the U.S. and our position at the U.N. (Itim)

1,000 New Flats Ready in Eilat

EILAT. — A ceremony marking the completion of 1,000 flats in Eilat, built by the Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour, was held here on Friday with the participation of Mr. Mordechai Namir, the Minister of Labour, and the new Director General—Aliuf Yoast Avdar.

Cables in Brief

PIANO. — A world non-stop piano-playing record was claimed in Mansfield, Notts, on Saturday night by 40-year-old Mrs. Marie Ashton. A housewife who weighs about 110 kilos, Mrs. Ashton had just finished playing for 133 hours without a break.

NEPAL. — King Manendra of Nepal on Sunday announced the first general elections ever to be held throughout this mountain kingdom. Voting for 107 MPs will begin on February 18 and last 48 days because of difficult communications in some of the world's highest mountains including Mt. Everest.

MAYOR. — The Johannesburg City Council has elected Deputy Mayor Ian Maitz as Mayor, and Alec Gorshel as Deputy Mayor. This is the seventh time in the history of the city that a Jew has been elected Mayor. Mr. Maitz was a member of the South African delegation to the 1950 and 1957 Maccabiah.

500 Questionnaires Returned on Sunday

Over 500 replies were received at the offices of The Jerusalem Post on Sunday, the first day of returns in the Readership Survey. It is expected that a Jew has will come in on Monday (today) and Tuesday and will then taper off until the weekend.

Some 30 readers were so anxious that their questionnaires be received that they added their own postage to the envelope despite the instructions that there was no need to do so as return postage is guaranteed by The Post.

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